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such as academic course development) reasonably intended to increase the understanding of the American public into the operations and activities of the United States government. The term includes anyone serving as a research associate of a former Presidential or Vice Presidential appointee or designee.

(l) *Information* means any knowledge that can be communicated or documentary material, regardless of its physical form that is owned by, produced by or for, or is under the control of the United States Government.

(m) *Interested party* means any official in the executive, military, congressional, or judicial branches of government, United States or foreign, or U.S. Government contractor who, in the sole discretion of the CIA, has a subject matter or physical interest in the documents or information at issue.

(n) *Originator* means the CIA officer who originated the information at issue, or successor in office, or a CIA officer who has been delegated classification authority for the information at issue in accordance with the provisions of the Order.

(o) *Agency Release Panel (ARP)* refers to the Agency's forum for reviewing information review and release policy, the adequacy of resources available to all Agency declassification and release programs, and hearing requests in accordance with this section.

(p) *The Order* means Executive Order 13526 of December 29, 2009 and published at 75 FR 707 (or successor Orders).

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§ 1909.03 Contact for general information and requests.

For general information on this Part, to inquire about historical access to CIA records, or to make a formal request for such access, please direct your communication in writing to the Information and Privacy Coordinator, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC. 20505. Inquiries will also be accepted by facsimile at (703) 613-3007. For general information only, the telephone number is (703) 613-1287. Collect calls cannot be accepted.

§ 1909.04 Suggestions and complaints.

The Agency welcomes suggestions, comments, or complaints with regard to its administration of the historical access program established pursuant to Executive Order 13526. Members of the public shall address all such communications to the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator. The Agency will respond as determined feasible and appropriate under the circumstances.

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REQUESTS FOR HISTORICAL ACCESS

§ 1909.11 Requirements as to who may apply.

(a) *Historical researchers*—(1) *In general.* Any historian engaged in a historical research project as defined above may submit a request in writing to the Coordinator to be given access to classified information for purposes of that research. Any such request shall indicate the nature, purpose, and scope of the research project.

(2) *Additional considerations.* In light of the very limited Agency resources, it is the policy of the Agency to consider applications for historical research privileges only in those instances where the researcher's needs cannot be satisfied through requests for access to reasonably described records under the Freedom of Information Act or the mandatory declassification review provisions of Executive Order 13526, and where issues of internal resource availability and fairness to all members of the historical research community militate in favor of a particular grant.

(b) *Former Presidential and Vice Presidential appointees or designees.* Any former Presidential or Vice Presidential appointee or designee as defined herein may also submit a request to be given access to any items which they originated, reviewed, signed, or received while serving in that capacity. Such appointees may also request approval for a research associate but there is no entitlement to such enlargement of access and the decision in

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this regard shall be in the sole discretion of the Agency. Requests from appointees shall be in writing to the Coordinator and shall identify the records of interest.

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§ 1909.12 Designation of authority to grant requests.

(a) *The Agency Release Panel (ARP)* is designated to hear requests and shall issue the final Agency decision granting requests for access by historical researchers and access by former Presidential and Vice Presidential appointees and designees under Executive Order 13526 (or successor Orders) and these regulations.

(b) *ARP Membership.* The ARP is chaired by the Chief, Information Review and Release Group, Information Management Services, and composed of the Information Review Officers from the various Directorates and the D/CIA areas, as well as the representatives of the various release programs and offices. The Information and Privacy Coordinator also serves as Executive Secretary of the ARP.

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§ 1909.13 Receipt, recording, and tasking.

The Information and Privacy Coordinator shall within ten (10) days record each request for historical access received under this Part, acknowledge receipt to the requester in writing and take the following action:

(a) *Compliance with general requirements.* The Coordinator shall review each request under this part and determine whether it meets the general requirements as set forth in 32 CFR 1909.11; if it does not, the Coordinator shall so notify the requester and explain the legal basis for this decision.

(b) *Action on requests meeting general requirements.* For requests which meet the requirements of 32 CFR 1909.11, the Coordinator shall thereafter task the D/CSI, the originator(s) of the materials for which access is sought, and other interested parties. Additional taskings, as required during the review process, shall be accomplished within ten (10) days of notification.

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§ 1909.14 Determinations on requests for access by historical researchers.

Required determinations. The Agency shall make the following determinations in writing:

(a) That a serious professional or scholarly research project by the requester is contemplated;

(b) That such access is clearly consistent with the interests of national security;

(c) That a non-disclosure agreement has been or will be executed by the requester (and research associate, if any) and other appropriate steps are taken to assure that classified information will not be disclosed or otherwise compromised;

(d) That a pre-publication agreement has been or will be executed by the requester (and research associate, if any) which provides for a review of notes and any resulting manuscript;

(e) That the information requested be reasonably accessible and can be located and compiled with a reasonable effort;

(f) That it is reasonably expected that substantial and substantive government documents and/or information will be amenable to declassification and release and/or publication;

(g) That sufficient resources are available for the administrative support of the historical researcher given current requirements; and

(h) That the request cannot be satisfied to the same extent through requests for access to reasonably described records under the Freedom of Information Act or the mandatory declassification review provisions of Executive Order 13526.

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§ 1909.16 Action by Agency Release Panel (ARP).

The ARP shall meet on a regular schedule and may take action when a simple majority of the total membership is present. Issues shall be decided by a majority of the members present. In all cases of a divided vote, before the decision of the ARP becomes final, any member of the ARP may by written memorandum to the Executive Secretary of the ARP, refer such matters